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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Release of Sanitized Information and Sanitized  
Photography Derived from GIANT SCALE Coverage  
of North Korea [REDACTED] 25X1A

REFERENCE : USIB-D-46.7/12 (COMIREX-D-2.11/22),  
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25X1A 1. The attached memorandum on the subject from the Chairman,  
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)  
submits for USIB consideration two recommendations in paragraph 3  
of [REDACTED] memorandum.

25X1A 2. COMIREX recommends that the Board: (a) authorize CINCPAC  
to release sanitized intelligence and photography from the 16 August  
GIANT SCALE mission flown over North Korea in accordance with the  
procedures and restrictions in the reference document, and; (b) that  
COMIREX be authorized to approve each release of future GIANT SCALE  
mission results [REDACTED] following the same procedures and restrictions.

25X1A 3. In regard to the second recommendation, COMIREX noted the  
likelihood that further GIANT SCALE missions would be scheduled, and  
that USIB had authorized the release [REDACTED] of sanitized intelligence 25X1A  
and photography from the June and July GIANT SCALE missions under 25X1A  
the clearly established guidelines in the reference. Therefore, COMIREX  
proposes that the Board authorize COMIREX to approve each release [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of future mission results under the same guidelines, in order to  
relieve the USIB of repetitive case-by-case consideration and to expedite  
CINCPAC release of authorized GIANT SCALE materials [REDACTED] 25X1A

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USIB Action Requested

4. It is requested that Board members advise the Secretariat by close of business 16 September of their concurrence or other views on the COMIREX recommendations in paragraph 3 of the attachment hereto.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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1. Pursuant to 303 Committee authorization, the third SR-71, GIANT SCALE, aircraft mission (S-175) was flown over North Korea on 16 August 1969. In line with the USIB action and instructions in reference a. authorizing release [REDACTED] of GIANT SCALE photography from the two previous missions, CINCPAC has requested authority to release [REDACTED] 25X1A  
[REDACTED] sanitized intelligence and photography from the 16 August GIANT SCALE mission. 25X1A

2. COMIREX noted at its 4 September 1969 meeting the clearly established guidelines for release of GIANT SCALE photography [REDACTED] set forth in reference a. and the likelihood that further GIANT SCALE missions would be scheduled. COMIREX further agreed to propose that the Board authorize COMIREX to release future GIANT SCALE mission photography in accordance with the procedures and restrictions in reference a. without need for reference to the Board. Approval of this authority would relieve the Board of repetitive case-by-case consideration of subsequent missions and would expedite CINCPAC release of authorized GIANT SCALE materials [REDACTED]. Should special considerations arise relative to any future GIANT SCALE mission or should any modification or extension of the procedures and restrictions in reference a. be proposed, COMIREX would of course submit the issue to the Board for action.

3. It is recommended that the United States Intelligence Board

a. Authorize CINCPAC to release sanitized intelligence and photography from the 16 August 1969 GIANT SCALE mission [REDACTED] in accordance with the procedures and restrictions established by the Board in reference a.; 25X1A

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b. Authorize COMIREX to approve each  
release of future GIANT SCALE mission results to  
[REDACTED] in accordance with the procedures and  
restrictions in reference a.

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Chairman  
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation